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thorizing private property to be taken or damaged for public use and requiring just compensation therefor.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 5 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 90, 584; 17 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 222.]

16. Jury (§ 19 (10*))—Right to Jury Trial—Establishing Drainage Districts.—The drainage law is not violative of Const. art. 1, § 11, providing that in controversies respecting property trial by jury ought to be held sacred.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 17 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 222.]

17. Constitutional Law (§ 289*)—Due Process—Drainage Act.—Drainage law is not violative of Const. Va. art. 1, § 11, providing that no person shall be deprived of his property without due process, or of Const. U. S. Amend. 14.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 5 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 584; 17 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 222.]

Appeal from Circuit Court, Henrico County.

Suit by the Strawberry Hill Land Corporation against D. W. Starbuck and others. From a decree for defendants, plaintiff appeals. Affirmed.

R. W. Carrington, of Richmond, and *McNeill & Bremner*, for appellant.

R. Grayson Dashiell, of Richmond, and *Wolcott, Wolcott, Lankford & Kear*, of Norfolk, for appellees.

CALHOUN *v.* MASSIE.

Nov. 14, 1918.

[97 S. E. 576.]

1. Courts (§ 468*)—Finding of Court of Claims—Omnibus Claims Act.—Finding of Court of Claims approving defendant's claim under Omnibus Claims Act, approved March 4, 1915, for property taken by Federal forces during Civil War, though authorized by statute (U. S. Comp. St. 1916, § 1142), was not a judgment, and created no vested rights.

2. United States (§ 94*)—Claims Against—Right to Attach Conditions.—The United States had same right to reject in toto a claim for property taken by Federal forces in Civil War, or, when Omnibus Claims Act, approved March 4, 1915, was passed, to attach conditions to its payment limiting amount any claim agent might re-

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ceive, as it would have had if there had been no statute authorizing Court of Claims to report on matter.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 13 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 406.]

3. United States (§ 119*)—Claims—Limitation of Attorneys Fee—Omnibus Claims Act.—Contract, executed in 1911, whereby claimant against United States for property taken by Federal forces during Civil War agreed to pay attorney to collect claim 50 per cent. of amount collected, was illegal and void under provision of Omnibus Claims Act, approved March 4, 1915, that it shall be unlawful for any agent to receive more than 20 per cent. of amount allowed.

Error t Circuit Court, Nelson County.

Action by C. C. Calhoun against Bland Massie. To review judgment sustaining demurrer to the declaration, plaintiff brings error. Affirmed.

C. C. Calhoun, of Washington, D. C., in pro. per.

Caskie & Caskie, of Lynchburg, for defendant in error.

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